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river St. Laurence, and by means of a most extraordinary inland navigation, supply regions infinitely greater and more fertile, and capable of a greater degree of population than the American States, full of rivers navigable to their source, † a country four times as large as the American States most unnecessarily and illegally given up, and most unexpectedly by the Americans themselves, which Congress however neither has, or will be capable of controuling, and which, probably, will divide into many independent governments. But it will be a long time before the Americans can manufacture for themselves. Their progress will be stopped

das, much more so than elsewhere, will soon be incited against the Spaniards. They will be supplied with arms and ammunition.— Those provinces would have been a good barrier between the American States and our islands. In our hands they would become populous by the migration of Loyalists and other advantages, instead of remaining almost desert under the Spaniards, and if considered as a curb on Spain, her trade might be more effectually molested from the harbours of Florida, (near which every ship from the gulph of Mexico and the Havannah must pass,) than from Gibraltar.

† It is remarkable, that there is only one mile portage between Cayahoga river, that empties itself into lake Erie, which finally runs into the river St. Lawrence, and the river muskingum, which runs into the Ohio, and communicates with the gulph of Mexico, Notwithstanding the navigation of the rivers St. Laurence, and Mississippi is obstructed in Winter and Spring; in the first by ice, and in the latter by the rapidity of the waters; and notwithstanding the distance is not above 60 miles between the navigable part of the Potomack which runs into the Chesapeake, and a navigable branch of the Ohio, yet the river St. Laurence, (the exclusive trade of which belongs to Britain) the lakes, the Ohio, and Mississippi will be the principal communications of the vast country beyond the Allegany mountains.

The navigation of the Potomack above Alexandria is indifferent. The Susquehanna being full of rapids and falls, and not deep, the navigation of that river is bad. All the rivers of the American States which run into the ocean have in general bad navigation, and only for flat boats from 5 to 30 tons, except as high as the tide flows; but the Mississippi has no tide, and the rivers which fall into it run through a flat country, and are navigable to their sources. Our islands, especially Jamaica, might receive supplies from the Mississippi ships, while a cargo is preparing at Jamaica, might at the proper season go up that river, if it is open to us, and bring lumber, cattle, mules, and supplies of every kind except fish.